

REMARKS

OVERVIEW

Claims 3-9, 12, 18-20, 22 and 23 are pending in the current application. Claim 9 has been amended.

I. CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. More particularly, the Examiner states that claim 9 is indefinite as being incomplete on the basis it depends from a cancelled claim, namely claim 2.

Applicant has now amended claim 9 so that it depends from pending claim 22 rather than cancelled claim 2. It is therefore believed this ground of rejection is rendered moot.

II. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statement that claims 3-8, 12, 18-20, 22 and 23 are allowed.

III. CONCLUSION

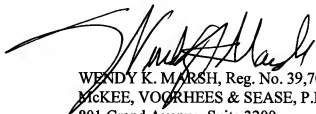
It is believed the application is in a *prima facie* condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any

additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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